

REMARKS

In the August 10, 2007 Office Action, claims 10, 12-15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 26 stand rejected in view of prior art. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the August 10, 2007 Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 10, 12-15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 26, and added claims 28-30 as indicated above. Thus, claims 10, 12-15, 18, 19, 21-23, 26, and 28-30 are pending, with claims 10, 18, 19, 21, and 26 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

On pages 2-7 of the Office Action, claims 10, 12-14, 18-23, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,365,139 (Kasuga et al.) In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 10, 18, 19, 21, and 23 as mentioned above.

More specifically, independent claims 10, 18, 19, 21, and 23 now recite a radio-controlled timepiece. Kasuga is cited in the Office Action to show a timing device having an antenna, a communication unit, a current time counter unit, a drive unit, a time display unit, a mechanical structure. It is stated in the Office Action that the communication unit of Kasuga has a receiving unit receiving time information. As recited in claim 10 of the application, the received signal is used for updating the current time; however, Kasuga does not specifically disclosed that the received signal is for updating the current time. Rather, Kasuga discloses in column 17, from line 62 that the received signal is amplified by a receiver circuit, and converted into other form. Applicants respectfully assert that this arrangement of the radio

controlled timepiece is *not* disclosed or suggested by the Kasuga or any other prior art of record. It is well settled in U.S. patent law that the mere fact that the prior art can be modified does *not* make the modification obvious, unless the prior art provides an *apparent reason* for the desirability of the modification. Accordingly, the prior art of record lacks any apparent reason, suggestion or expectation of success for combining the patents to create the Applicants' unique arrangement of the radio controlled timepiece.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 18, 19, 21, and 26 are also allowable for the same or similar reasons stated above.

Moreover, Applicants believe that claims 11-15, 20, 22, 23, and 27 are also allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claim 10, 18, 19, 21, and 26, and therefore are allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, claims 11-15, 20, 22, 23, and 27 are further allowable because they include additional limitations. Thus, Applicants believe that since the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the invention as set forth in independent claim 10, 18, 19, 21, and 26, the prior art of record also fails to disclose or suggest the inventions as set forth in the dependent claims.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the above comments and amendments.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 28-30. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 28-30 are allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claim 10 and 18, and therefore are allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, claims 28-30 are further allowable because they include additional limitations. Thus, Applicants believe that since the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the invention as set forth in


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independent claim 10 and 18, the prior art of record also fails to disclose or suggest the inventions as set forth in the dependent claims.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 10, 12-15, 18, 19, 21-23, 26, and 28-30 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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